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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Every Sunday

Worship Service 11:00 am
 Sunday Church School 9:30 am
 Big Sisters - Children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - Child Development Center. 11:00 am

Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)
 Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 am) Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)
 Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1st & 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)

Family Bible Study • Every Tuesday (6:30 pm) Midweek Prayer & Praise Service • Every Wednesday (7:00 pm)

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Do Not Fear

When we find ourselves in unfamiliar territory, we tend to experience fear. Israel found herself in such a place. In spite of her exilic situation, God promised her a future. This should have been comforting news, but it filled Israel with fear. The people of Israel wanted a positive future but could not see how they could make from the point of where they were to where God said they would be. The uncertainty of "how" caused them to be full of anxiety concerning the journey. Many times we are just like Israel, the fear of the journey creates a spiritual blockade to moving forward. We fear failure. We fear not making it to the God-declared destination. The Lord understands our fear-tendencies. He seeks to free us from our fears by offering us His presence. The "I AM" promises to be with us. There is no situation that He is not what and who we need to have a successful journey.

Sometimes we are dismayed when we fear. To be

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It is the mission of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church to: exalt the Savior through worship and praise, expound the scripture through biblical preaching and teaching, embrace the saved through membership and fellowship, equip the saints through Christian education and discipleship for the work of the ministry, encourage the struggling through ministries for the whole person and evangelize the sinner through the sharing of the Good News, all empowered by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, all done to the glory of God.

Come Home to Family is a monthly publication created to inform and encourage Tabernacle friends and family. Material must be submitted before the 15th of the month preceding each issue.

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Evangelism: Everyone's Business

Did you know that all Christians are called upon to evangelize? Many Christians think that evangelism is for those who have the gift of evangelism or for those who like that sort of thing. When Jesus gave the command, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." (Mt 28:19-20), He was speaking to the disciples. But that command is extended to all believers. Paul makes this clear when he told Timothy, "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Tim. 2:1-2).

Let's look at the definition of evangelism as given in "*Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*:"

Evangelize, Evangelism. Basic Definition. "To evangelize' is to proclaim the good news of the victory of God's salvation. 'Evangelism' is the noun denoting that activity. This biblical concept is expressed through a Hebrew verb (bašar) and a Greek verb and noun (euangelizo and euangelion). Euangelion is normally translated 'gospel,' denoting the content of the good news. But it can also be a noun of action, describing the activity of telling that news" (1 Cor. 9:14; 2 Cor. 2:12; Phil. 1:5).

So, initially all you need to know to get started is the Gospel. The Gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is essential that you believe and have accepted the Gospel story. From there you can tell your story of how you came to a faith in Christ and how your walk with Him has been. The confession of your walk with Christ can be very powerful. You will recall how Paul spoke of his earlier life before King Agrippa. He then spoke of his conversion and post-conversion life. Festus thought Paul was out of his mind. Agrippa asked Paul "do you think you can convince me to become a Christian in such a short time?" Paul answered "I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains" (Acts 26:1-29, NIV). You go and do likewise.

Remember that training helps you to be knowledgeable in the subject matter and practice helps you hone your skills.

Sick and Shut-In

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

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Christopher

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Rudelle

BERYL-BANKS,
Sis. Cynthia

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BRYANT, Sis. Mattie

BURKE, Bro. Louis

BUSCH, Bro. Leon

BYAS, Sis. Flora

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GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine

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GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris

GRADY, Sis. Marion

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HAWKES, Bro. Earnest

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HICKS, Rev. Dr.
Gwendolyn

HICKS, Sis. Mary

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HORTON, Sis. Carrie

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JONES, Sis. Helen

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MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean

MILLENER, Bro. Michael

NEAL, Sis. Lois

RANDALL, Sis. Jessie

ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred

SINGLETON, Sis. Martel

SMITH, Sis. Chanel

STEWART, Sis. Sharon

THOMAS, Sis. Margaret

TYLER, Bro. Eddie

WARREN, Bro. Bruce

WARREN, Sis. Thelma

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,
Sis. Eddie June

Condolences

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Sis. Rhonda Horton for the loss of her  
grandfather, Deacon Cobon Brack

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Trustee Clifton & Sis. Bernice Bond for the loss
of his brother, Bro. Joe Bond

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Sis. Louvenia Parks Crawford for the loss of  
her son, Bro. Clifford Parks

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Dea. John & Deaconess Warner Jean Bracey
for the loss of their sister-in-law,
Sis. Sally M. Bracey

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Ms. Annette Scott for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Gracie Payton

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Sis. Wilma Bell for the loss of her stepdaughter,
Sis. Tonya Bell

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Sis. Kaamyla Gibson for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Tracey Henry

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Dea. Robert & Trustee Anita Friday for the loss
of his sister, Sis. Brenda Hambrick

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Bro. Walter & Sis. Drunell Jackson for the loss  
of his brother, Bro. Kenneth Gregory

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Trustee Roosevelt & Sis. Irma Wise for the loss
of her cousin, Sis. Vivian Stanberry

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

Honor or memorialize your loved ones by dedicating Sanctuary Flowers. Dates are available throughout the year. Please call the Church for information.

August 2, 2015

In Loving Memory of

Willetta (Etta) Adams

For the 57 years, 8 months, and 25 days that the Lord gave us together. Placed by her husband, Reverend Miller Adams

August 9, 2015

In Celebration of Our 59th Wedding Anniversary
August 11, 1956

“To God Be the Glory”

Placed by Brother Leon and Sister Rose Marie Stein

August 16, 2015

Celebrating Our Parents' 61st Wedding Anniversary!
August 16, 2015

Rudolph and Sara Nash

Love you dearly, Sherri, Pat, and Pam

Sorosis Guild thanks Tabernacle for generous ‘Relay For Life’ support

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history of participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event held annually in Detroit.

For 15 years, Tab's Sorosis Guild has spearheaded the church's contribution to the cancer-fighting cause. Relay for Life funds go directly to cancer research, transportation assistance for doctor's visits, and more.

Tabernacle, in 2015, achieved “Gold Status,” raising more than \$6,000, and Sorosis members Sheryl Abrams and Anne Henry have issued a collective thank-you to Tab participants.

“This would not have been possible without your support,” they emphasized. “We really would like to thank our Tab family and friends for attending our Relay for Life event held at Marygrove College on June 13, 2015.”

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

July 5

Let the Church be the Church

Matthew 5:13-16

July 12

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:1-18

Rev. Dr. Bill Thompson

July 19

Will You Stand or Will You Bow?

Daniel 3:13-18

July 26

The Certainty of Uncertainty

1 Corinthians 16:13-16

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller

Prayer & Praise Service

August 5

Bus Ministry

August 12

Sorosis Guild

August 19

Children's Ministry

August 26

Usher Ministry

Fellowship Hour

August 3 / September 6

Fellowship Experienced through
Observance of the Lord's Supper

August 9

Hospitality Ministry

August 16

Group #15

August 23

Group #4 & Young Adults Ministry

August 30

Health Ministry & Optimist Club

Writer's Ministry

Goal: To learn what true community is and to practice biblical Koinonia

Objective: To experience the Union of God through His Son Jesus Christ

Scripture: “God, who has called you into fellowship with his son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Overview: This month we will further explore the meaning of koinonia, the Greek word in Scripture, which is commonly translated fellowship, sharing, partnership, and participation. In both Acts 2:42 and 1 John 1:3, the New English Bible translates koinonia as sharing a common life. On every first Sunday we take communion, just as in Acts 2:42, when the Christians ‘devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, the fellowship to the breaking of bread and prayer’, it was not a social activity for them and neither for us. It is a relationship where we share together the very life of God and Jesus Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As we participate in communion with God we are also in communion with one another on a close personal and spiritual level. Each first Sunday, we share of our possessions when we contribute to the benevolence fund. In addition, koinonia can consist of sharing with other believers what God has taught us from Scriptures or a word of encouragement to one another. At Tabernacle, we certainly want to participate in this activity with our new members of the church. Our sharing should be from a pure heart. Christ Jesus willingly gave of Himself with nothing expected in return. With that in mind, how ought we to share with each other?

Through our union with Christ, we are formed into a spiritually organic or living community. Now, we can begin to understand true community. We cannot have true community unless we practice true fellowship.

While our relationship in Christ describes us as believers in community, partnership describes us as a community of believers in action. Luke used a form of koinonia to refer to the partnership of Peter with James and John in the fishing business (see Luke 5:10). At Tabernacle, when we join with the Evangelism, Health, Missionaries, and Benevolence Ministries to “claim” and provide for our “Jerusalem”, we are sharing and demonstrating active partnership, koinonia, to save lost souls and to reclaim those who have slipped away.

It would be short-sighted not to talk about the fellowship or koinonia that exists in the God-head. Proverbs 8 could possibly personify Christ as wisdom or it may, as some scholars suggest, personify God's attribute of wisdom. (1Cor. 1:30, John 1: 1-14, Col. 1: 15-20, Hebrews 1: 1-4)

The LORD made me at the beginning of His creation, before His works of long ago...I was formed before the ancient times...I was brought forth when there was no watery depths...I was a skilled craftsman beside Him. I was His delight

every day, always rejoicing before Him. I was rejoicing in His inhabited world, delighting in the human race. [Proverbs 8: 22-31, ESV]

By virtue of the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we already have (an objective) relationship with Him. As believers in Christ Jesus, we must make it our daily mission to spend time in active fellowship or koinonia with God. This (subjective) experience may include quiet time alone in His Word along with meditation and time spent listening for what God has to say to us through His Word. We must be united to Christ by our saving faith before we can have fellowship with Him on a daily basis.

Both aspects of our faith—that is, the objective (our acceptance of Christ as the basis of the fellowship of believers) and the subjective (the consistent and active fellowship with God via spiritual disciplines) are significant to the life of the church. The richness, power and effectiveness of the church are nourished by both aspects. As we deepen our understanding of ‘who’ we are in Christ Jesus and maintain our active fellowship or koinonia with God, our community of faith, its purpose and work is strengthened. Both aspects contribute to the transformation of the believer's life (individually, and corporately) facilitating our maturity as Christians. Therefore, God's work for the church is effectively advanced. As we mature in our personal walk, deepen our fellowship with God, and hold in common our acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives, we become more effective in ministry and better able to carry out God's plan.

How wonderful it is for us as Christians to have the assurance of being united with Christ through faith. Therefore, we experience the very life of Christ living in us. We as believers are already partakers in the common life of Christ through spiritual fellowship with one another. However, we cannot have true fellowship with one another without first and foremost having fellowship with Christ. We must be intimately joined with Christ just as the branch is connected to the vine and the head is connected to the members of the body. This is where you receive sustenance that enables us to experience the divine nature and virtue of the person of Jesus Christ. This union with Christ allows us to participate and share in the very life of Him. As we continue to abide and depend on Him, then he will sustain us and give us strength for our Christian journey. Our sovereign God is faithful and He has called us into fellowship with His Son and we are sure of his grace for the past, present and future. We look forward to Christ's glorious appearance. Hallelujah!!

“What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may also have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.” (1 John 1:3-4)

Pastor's Pen Continued

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dismayed is to gaze from one thing to another looking for help and relief. We find ourselves trying out everything we see. We are so overwhelmed with our inabilities that we tend to look for help in all the wrong places. Israel was charged to not be dismayed because the Lord said "I am your God." The proper noun "God" is the title God uses to introduce Himself as creator. He is the one who brings order out of chaos. He calls forth light in darkness. He uses the nothingness of our situations and makes something out of it. All the help we need is in the God who created this world. The Creator God promises to be with us.

We may feel that we are not able to make the journey, not able to do all that will be necessary to see it through. God knows about our lack of strength. He assures us that He will strengthen us for whatever lies ahead. He toughens us. The Hebrew word for "strengthen" is a translation of *amats*. The outcome of the strengthening of God is courageous fortitude. This fortitude is likened to the reptile's capacity to survive in the most arid environments. Because God is omniscient, He knows what we need and when we need it. He gives us the ability to survive and thrive in difficult circumstances.

God promises to help us along the way. We often think of help as some sort of aid. However the word here means to surround. We must never feel that we are without protection. God Himself is the fence, the hedge of protection encircling us. Whatever would befall us would have to penetrate the Almighty God in order to harm us.

Whenever we are tempted to fear we should remember what the Lord has said to us in Isaiah

41:10 -"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10, Wordstudy KJV) One of the great hymns of the church makes this truth crystal clear for us.

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath His wings of love abide; God will take care of you.

Thru days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide; God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied; God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon His breast; God will take care of you.

Chorus: God will take care of you, thru ev'ry day, o'er all the way; He will take care of you; God will take care of you.

Shalom!
Pastor Johnson

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Weekly Sunday School Lessons

OUR REDEEMER COMES

Lesson 9 August 2, 2015
 Devotional Reading: Exodus 6:2-8
 Background Scripture: Psalm 89:11-18; Isaiah 59
 Print Passage: Isaiah 59:15-21
 Key Verse: Isaiah 59:20
 27 Our Sins Testify against Us Isaiah 59:1-14
 28 Taught for Our Own Good Isaiah 48:12-19
 29 God's Everlasting Love Isaiah 54:1-8
 30 Our Redeemer Is Strong Jeremiah 50:28-34
 31 Walking in the Light Psalm 89:11-18
 1 Redeemed with an Outstretched Arm Exodus 6:2-8
 2 The Lord Will Come as Redeemer Isaiah 59:15-21

A CHOICE TO BE JUST

Lesson 10 August 9, 2015
 Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15
 Background Scripture: Ezra 7:1, 6, 21-28
 Print Passage: Jeremiah 7:1-15
 Key Verse: Jeremiah 7:3
 3 Justice for the Poor Psalm 140:6-13
 4 My People Have Forgotten Me Jeremiah 18:11-17
 5 Judgment for the Disobedient Ezra 7:21-28
 6 If You Will Not Listen Jeremiah 26:1-7
 7 Amend Your Ways and Your Doings Jeremiah 26:8-15
 8 God Abandoned Shiloh Psalm 78:56-62
 9 Let Me Dwell with You Jeremiah 7:1-15

A CALL FOR REPENTANCE

Lesson 11 August 16, 2015
 Devotional Reading: Hosea 14
 Background Scripture: Ezekiel 18; Proverbs 21:2-15
 Print Passage: Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32
 Key Verse: Ezekiel 18:30-31
 10 Justice, Righteousness, and Repentance Isaiah 1:24-28
 11 Justice: A Joy to the Righteous Proverbs 21:10-15
 12 Avoiding a Parent's Negative Example Ezekiel 18:14-19
 13 The Consequences of Changing Behaviors Ezekiel 18:21-28
 14 The Lord Weighs the Heart Proverbs 21:2-8
 15 Walking in the Lord's Ways Hosea 14
 16 The Person Who Sins Shall Die Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32

GOD DEMANDS JUSTICE

Lesson 12 August 23, 2015
 Devotional Reading: Psalm 147:1-11
 Background Scripture: Isaiah 30:18-26; Zechariah 7:8-14
 Print Passage: Zechariah 7:8-14
 Key Verse: Zechariah 7:9-10
 17 You Behaved Worse than Your Ancestors Jeremiah 16:9-13
 18 I Call upon the Lord 2 Samuel 22:1-7
 19 Hope in God's Steadfast Love Psalm 147:1-11
 20 Walking in the Way Judges 2:16-23
 22 The Lord Wait to Be Gracious Isaiah 30:18-26
 23 The Results of Not Listening Zechariah 7:8-14

RETURN TO A JUST GOD

Lesson 13 August 30, 2015
 Devotional Reading: Psalm 24:4-11
 Background Scripture: Malachi 3:1-12; Matthew 7:12
 Print Passage: Malachi 3:1-10
 Key Verse: Matthew 7:12
 24 Teach Me Your Paths, O Lord Psalm 24
 25 How Shall We Treat Others? Matthew 7:7-14
 26 How Have We Spoken against You? Malachi 3:11-18
 27 How Shall We Be Judged? Joel 3:9-16
 28 How Shall We Repent? Jeremiah 6:26-30
 29 The Contrite and Humble in Spirit Isaiah 57:10-21
 30 How Shall We Return? Malachi 3:1-10

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

AUGUST

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Psalms 68,69 | Romans 3 |
| 3 Psalms 70,71,72 | Romans 4 |
| 4 Psalms 73,74 | Romans 5 |
| 5 Psalms 75,76,77 | Romans 6 |
| 6 Psalm 78 | Romans 7 |
| 7 Psalms 79,80,81 | Romans 8:1-18 |
| 8 Psalms 82,83,84 | Romans 8:19-39 |
| 9 Psalms 85,86,87 | Romans 9 |
| 10 Psalms 88,89 | Romans 10 |
| 11 Psalms 90,91,92 | Romans 11:1-21 |
| 12 Psalms 93,94,95 | Romans 11:22-36 |
| 13 Psalms 96,97,98 | Romans 12 |
| 14 Psalms 99,100,101,102 | Romans 13 |
| 15 Psalms 103,104 | Romans 14 |
| 16 Psalms 105,106 | Romans 15:1-20 |
| 17 Psalms 107,108 | Romans 15:21-33 |
| 18 Psalms 109,110,111 | Romans 16 |
| 19 Psalms 112,113,114,115 | 1 Corinthians 1 |
| 20 Psalms 116,117,118 | 1 Corinthians 2 |
| 21 Psalm 119:1-48 | 1 Corinthians 3 |
| 22 Psalm 119:49-104 | 1 Corinthians 4 |
| 23 Psalm 119:105-176 | 1 Corinthians 5 |
| 24 Psalms 120,121,122,123 | 1 Corinthians 6 |
| 25 Psalms 124,125,126,127 | 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 |
| 26 Psalms 128,129,130,131 | 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 |
| 27 Psalms 132,133,134,135 | 1 Corinthians 8 |
| 28 Psalms 136,137,138 | 1 Corinthians 9 |
| 29 Psalms 139,140,141 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 |
| 30 Psalms 142,143,144 | 1 Corinthians 10:14-33 |
| 31 Psalms 145,146,147 | 1 Corinthians 11:1-15 |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Psalms 148,149,150 | 1 Corinthians 11:16-34 |
| 2 Proverbs 1,2 | 1 Corinthians 12 |
| 3 Proverbs 3,4 | 1 Corinthians 13 |
| 4 Proverbs 5,6 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-20 |
| 5 Proverbs 7,8 | 1 Corinthians 14:21-40 |

Sunday – August 30	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship
1:30	Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)
1:30	Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris)
1:30	Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151)
1:30	Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – August 31	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – September 1	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – September 2	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – September 3	
5:00	Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
5:30	Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)
6:00	Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:30	Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – September 4	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – September 5	
10:00	Leadership Council (Saturday before first Sunday, Room 2156)
12:00	Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)
12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)
1:00	Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
1:00	Usher Instruction (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)
2:00	Usher General Meeting (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)
2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)

Tabernacle Opportunities

AUTUMN FELLOWSHIP DRIVERS

Drivers are Needed to Deliver Meals to Our Seniors. Call Dea. Jerry Moses for more information 313-898-3325.

CUSTODIAN RELIEF POOL

Tabernacle is seeking to develop a temporary custodial relief pool. Those interested should send resumes to 2080 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48208 Attn: Dea. Emanuel Haley. Or email deaehaley@tmbcdetroit.org

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Important Announcements

**Ice Cream Sundae Sunday (Sponsored by Group #1)
August 2, 2015**

**Teaching Ministry of the Church Presents a Weekend Experience (Sponsored by the Sunday Church School)
Theme: "Teaching to Create Space for Obedience" - Theme Scripture: Matthew 28:20a NIV
August 14-15, 2015**

All participants of the teaching ministry of Tabernacle (Sunday School, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Weekly Bible Study Classes, Deacon's Groups Instructors, Women & Girls' Ministry, and Men & Boys' Ministry) and their supporting workers, join us August 14-15 in an annual retreat.

Friday, August 14, 2015, 6:30 pm - "A Time for Fellowship: Dinner and a Play"

Saturday, August 15, 2015, 8:30 am - "A Time for Instruction: Workshops and Training" Pastor Johnson will bring the Plenary Message followed by interactive workshops for all attendees. Note: Pastor Johnson will also facilitate the support workers session.

***** SAVE THE DATES *****

**Tabernacle Tastefest is Coming Soon!
September 19, 2015, 5:30 pm - Reservations begin mid-August**

Sign up early if you'd like to be included in this year's Talented Tastefest Team of Chefs!
See Trustee Kerry Caliman or any Group #24 member for reservations or more details.

Don't Forget to Check the Bookstore for your cards, novelties, and religious studies needs.

Weekly Bible Studies - On Summer Recess

Join us Sundays for Christian Education Opportunities
Dawnseeker's Class (8:15 am), Sunday Church School (9:30 am), New Member's Class (9:30 am)

Church Office: 313-898-3325 | Prayer Requests - prayer@tmbcdetroit.org

TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunday – August 2, 2015	Sunday– August 9
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays) 11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris) 1:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room) 1:30 Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism, 2nd Sundays) 1:30 Group #15 (2nd Sundays, Story Room) 1:30 Group #2/16 (2nd Sundays, Morris Room) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – August 3	Monday – August 10
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)	10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room) 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – August 4	Tuesday – August 11
9:15 Staff Meeting 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – August 5	Wednesday – August 12
12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – August 6	Thursday – August 13
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – August 7	Friday – August 14
6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)	6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – August 8	Saturday – August 15
12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)	11:00 Evangelism Meeting (Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Room 2156) 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)

Sunday – August 16
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays) 11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris) 1:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room) 1:30 Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel) 1:30 Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173) 1:30 Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson) 1:30 Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story) 1:30 Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179) 1:30 Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161) 1:30 Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165) 1:30 Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159) 1:30 Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – August 17
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) 6:00 Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156) 6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)
Tuesday – August 18
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – August 19
12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – August 20
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – August 21
6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – August 22
9:00 Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday) Men & Boys' (Morris Room) Women & Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)

Sunday – August 23
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson) 1:30 Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris) 1:30 Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151) 1:30 Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – August 24
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – August 25
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – August 26
12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – August 27
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – August 28
6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – August 29
12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)



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BACK TO BEECHWOOD



Tab's 2015 'Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally' Explores New Territory...Even as it Returns to Familiar Grounds

The month of August invariably arrives with an announcement: Get ready. Summer is almost history. And school bells are ready to ring.

In Detroit, the familiar deluge of TV commercials and newspaper ads aren't the only indicators the back-to-school season is upon us. At Tabernacle, the sights and sounds of back-to-school prep work are evident in meeting rooms, hallways, and Sunday morning appeals for donations.

Each year, Tab rolls up its collective sleeves to make sure hundreds of students in the community go to class with brand new backpacks, uniforms, and an impressive array of other back-to-school items.

Tab's annual school supply giveaway – part of the church's "Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally" – helps students head to school with tangible demonstrations of Tab's love and encouragement. The 2015 rally and accompanying evangelism are set for Saturday, August 22 at Tab's Beechwood campus, site of what's often called Tab's "old" church, 6125 Beechwood at Milford.

Most giveaway items are donated by Tab organizations, ministries, and individuals, and Tabernacle Pastor Nathan Johnson has issued calls for Tab to step up and donate as it always has. For information on how to contribute backpacks, uniforms and other items, contact the

church's website at tmbcdetroit.org or see the pastor's latest mass email.

The Women and Girls Ministry leads the way when it comes to the backpack/uniform giveaway. The backpack giveaway is coordinated by Deaconess Mamie Humphrey and Deaconess Veronica Jenkins. The uniform giveaway is headed by Sis. Gloria Whittington.

A 'New Beginning' Near an Old Church Home

The theme for this year's event is "A New Beginning," focusing on *2 Corinthians 5: 17*: **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new."**

The Back-to-School Rally – featuring the popular backpack and uniform giveaways, games, skits, a puppet show, gospel rapper, health fair, and more -- forms the "Good Deeds" portion of Tab's two-pronged initiative. The accompanying "Good News" component of "Claiming Our Jerusalem" involves teams of Tab members going door-to-door in the nearby community, praying, sharing, and celebrating the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Claiming Our Jerusalem is a wonderful opportunity for the family of Tabernacle to personify the love of Jesus Christ in the community," said Pastor Nathan Johnson. "As we evangelize – sharing the Good News – we also make the message of Jesus tangible as an expression of love through the sharing of backpacks, school supplies, and uniforms. We share these items with both the children of the community and the children of Tabernacle."

The decision to host the rally at the Beechwood campus – rather than another site which often serves as the "Claiming Our Jerusalem" headquarters (at Wildemere and Montgomery, near the Grand Blvd. campus) – is the result of significant prayer and planning, according to those leading this year's event.

"This year, we are partnering with the Sampson-Webber Leadership Academy (a pre-kindergarten through 8th grade school at 4700 Tireman) and trying to establish a

support relationship with that school," said Rev. Willie Hawk, chairperson of this year's Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally. "The Beechwood campus is closer to Sampson-Webber than the 2080 W. Grand Blvd. campus.

"We are also partnering with Detroit College Preparatory (DCP) Academy at Northwestern (formerly Northwestern High) in a bigger way. We have met with the principals of both schools, and we are trying to establish a supportive relationship with youths at the schools."

Beyond school ties, bringing the Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally to the older Beechwood campus reiterates to the neighborhood that the church actually continues to reside there. The Beechwood campus still houses critical Tabernacle operations and affiliated programs. These include Autumn Fellowship's food and clothing ministry, the nonprofit Helping Operations for People Empowerment (HOPE) organization, and numerous counseling initiatives and support groups.

According to Rev. Hawk, the storm of challenges facing Detroit underscores the need for the Christian outreach "Claiming Our Jerusalem" provides.

"This is highly significant in terms of our overall Christian presence in a context where it seems evil is prevailing," said Rev. Hawk. "We need to highlight the presence of Jesus Christ, giving hope to people in dark places."

New Approaches to Outreach and Community Support

New features for this year's Back-to-School Rally include changes in who gets school supplies and uniforms and organizers exploring new sources for donations.

"This year, we want to continue to provide backpacks, uniforms, and other supplies to children in the community, but we also want to reach out to Tab children," said Rev. Hawk. "We are making sure to accommodate Tabernacle children a little more than in previous years.

"This year we're not only asking our Tab members and groups to participate as donors but we also are soliciting businesses to help us out. We are pleased with the level of success we've had with this outreach, considering this is our first effort reaching out in this way."

The HOPE organization is sponsoring the health

fair, including screenings for hypertension, diabetes, and other conditions. Screenings will be provided by Covenant Community Care.

Rev. Sam Spruill, leader of Tabernacle's Jail and Prison Ministry and President/CEO of HOPE, said the organization will also help individuals at the rally address financial health.

"If people have problems with their credit, this will help them know what they need to do," said Rev. Spruill. "Physical health is very important, but people need to address their credit health as well."

The health fair and credit analysis contribution to Tab's Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally fit squarely into HOPE's overall goals, Rev. Spruill explained.

"It certainly goes along with our mission of transforming people and communities," said Rev. Spruill. "We want to take people from brokenness to wholeness, so a health fair and credit counseling help us fulfill the vision we have for the community."

Pastor Johnson said Tab members must not overlook the significance of the "Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back to School Rally."

"Claiming Our Jerusalem helps the community to know that God is present among them not only for their spiritual benefit but God also is present among them even to meet practical needs," he said. "And I thank those who have given leadership in the planning and execution of this event."

For more information on this year's Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back-to-School Rally – or to find out more about how to contribute -- call (313) 898-3325.

